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EXPORT PERFORMANCE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether country`s overall exports since 1999 onwards has steadily declined against the target fixed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the sectors which have shown negative export growth during above peiod;

(d) the sector-wise and year-wise total export made from India during 1999 to 31 March, 2002 alongwith the target fixed for that period;

(e) whether trade deficit has also gone up during the above period;

(f) if so, the year-wise details of trade deficit for these above period;

(g) the reasons behind widening trade deficit in the country; and

(h) the steps being taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the position?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) : No Sir, the overall export growth of India has been increasing since 1999-2000. A growth rate of 21% was achieved during the year 2000-2001 which was the highest in the last decade.

(b) : Does not arise

(c) & (d) : As per the available data from Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), Calcutta, sector-wise and year-wise export performance during the last three years are as under:-

Sectors	99-2000	2000-01	Apr-Nov2001-02	99-2000	2000-01	April-Nov2001-02
	Value in US $ million			% Growth (over previous year)		
Plantation	743	693	431	-21.72	-6.77	7.52
Agri & allied prod.	3665	3867	2358	-8.33	5.52	3.05
Marine Products	1183	1394	844	13.89	17.87	-12.30
Ores & Minerals	916	1158	735	2.54	26.4	-1.61
Leather & MFRS	1590	1951	1306	-4.24	22.72	-2.55
Gems & Jewellery	7502	7390	4501	26.53	-1.50	-9.46
Sports Goods	67	69	46	-8.56	2.86	4.34
Chemicals & Related Products	4912	6184	4064	17.94	25.89	1.70
Engg. Goods	4386	5716	3601	15.27	30.32	-4.00
Electronics Goods	727	1119	797	23.67	54.01	17.38
Project Goods	39	27	10	-44.90	-31.41	52.49
Textiles	9169	10795	6420	10.17	17.73	-10.22
Handicrafts	669	669	367	5.61	-0.05	-23.46
Carpets	645	582	343	18.68	-9.85	-16.47
Petroleum Products	30	1819	1399	-66.48	5967.4	24.46

Total Exports 36715 44328 28239 10.53 20.74 -1.70

The year-wise export growth achieved as against the target are as under:

(in US $)

Year Export Growth Year-wise target fixed

1999-2000 10.8% 11.3%
2000-2001 21% 18%

(e) : No Sir, The trade deficit has fallen in 2000-01 compared to 1999-2000, while in 2001-02, there is only a marginal increase.

(f) : Trade deficit , as per the data available from the DGCI&S, Calcutta, for the last two years and for the current financial year upto Feb., 2002 are as under:

(in US $ million)

Years	Trade Deficit
1999-2000	(-)12848
2000-01	(-)5976
2001-02(April- Feb) Provisional	(-)6766

(g) : Does not arise.

(h) : As a medium term measure, strategies and policies have been announced for the period 2002-07 which aim at achieving 1% of world exports by the year 2006-07. The EXIM Policy for 2002-07 announced recently has also incorporated a number of measures to proactively promote exports which inter alia include permitting off shore Banking units in Special Economic Zones, transport subsidy for export of certain agricultural products, development of centers of export excellence, additional support for electronic hardware exports, further reduction in transaction cost etc.